

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

The Advisory Action of March 16, 2006 indicated that the amendment submitted on February 28 was not entered. As a result, the Status of the Claims is indicated relative to the claim listing submitted on October 11, 2005.

Claims 1 and 12 are amended to include a promoter for promoting an event associated with a first input provider to an event associated with a second input provider. Claim 30 is similarly amended to include promoting an event associated with a first input provider to an event associated with a second input provider. Additionally, new claim 38 is added to further clarify the nature of the claimed invention. Support for these amendments can be found, for example, at paragraph 0032 of the specification (discussing how a separate input provider is typically provided for each input device; at paragraph 0060; at paragraph 0069; and in original claims 10, 18, and 33. No new matter is introduced.

Claims 10, 18, 33, and 34 are canceled.

Claims 11 and 19 are amended for consistency with the above amendments.

Claims 1 – 9, 11 – 17, 19, 30 – 32, 35, and 39 are pending. Claims 1, 12, and 30 are independent claims. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1 – 9, 11 – 17, 19, 30 – 32, and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brim *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,049,832). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1 and 12 as amended a promoter for promoting an event associated with a first registered input provider to an event associated with a second registered input provider. Similarly, claim 30 as amended requires promoting at least one event associated with a first registered input provider to an event associated with a second registered input provider. Brim et al. fails to describe or suggest having a promoter that promotes an event associated with a first registered input provider to an event associated with a second registered input provider.

Brim et al. describes a method and apparatus for accessing information on a host computer from a client computer. This is accomplished in part by providing a container application 204 and a display control 202. The purpose of the container application and/or display control is to allow for representation of a presentation space generated by the host computer on a client computer.

The Office Action mailed on December 29, 2005 identifies the container application and/or display control in Brim et al. as corresponding to an input manager. Assuming that this is true, the only input provider described in Brim et al. can be registered with the container application and/or display control is a keyboard input provider. More generally, it appears that the only possible input provider described in Brim et al. is a keyboard input provider. The Office Action mailed on December 29, 2005 states that it would have been obvious to utilize other types of input providers with the invention of Brim et al., such as a mouse or stylus. However, no description of such other input providers can be found within Brim et al.

Because Brim et al. describes or only one input provider (a keyboard), Brim et al. can at most describe one registered input provider. Since Brim et al. does not describe

multiple registered input providers, Brim et al. cannot describe or suggest promoting an event associated with a first registered input provider to an event associated with a second registered input provider, as required by claim 30 as amended. Similarly, Brim et al. cannot describe or suggest a system that includes a promoter for promoting an event associated with a first input provider to an event associated with a second input provider, as required by claims 1 and 12 as amended. For at least these reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of 1 – 9, 11 – 17, 19, 30 – 32, and 35 is respectfully requested.

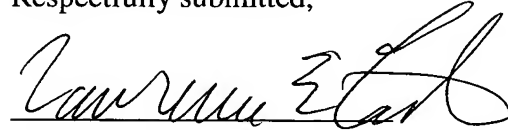
Having demonstrated that the cited references fail to disclose or suggest the invention as claimed, and all remaining objections and rejections have been overcome, this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests early and favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

III. Conclusion

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated, since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response. Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2112 (Attorney Docket No. MFCP.110236).

Respectfully submitted,

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